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Via email - Jonathan.Wilkinson@canada.ca

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Environment and Climate Change Canada

RE: CN Intermodal Hub in Milton

Dear Minister Wilkinson,

I am writing to you today to applaud the values and vision expressed in the Speech from the Throne, and to urge you and your colleagues to bear them in mind as you complete your review of the CEAA panel's findings about CN's intermodal proposal.

The Speech from the Throne made it clear that your top priority is to protect the health of Canadians. Halton believes that how you respond to the CEAA panel report is a litmus test for what your vision means to our community, and to Canada.

As you know, the Federal Review Panel found that CN's project will cause significant adverse effects on human health. It would expose our residents to harmful toxic substances that are unsafe at any level. There can be no doubt: to approve this project would put Halton and its residents on the wrong track as it relates to their health.

The Federal Review Panel also made findings about the project's adverse effects on the environment. Your government is also committed to "building back better." The findings of the panel make it clear that CN's proposal is on the wrong track as it relates to your plans for a green recovery.

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Knowing this, we thank you for taking the time to study the unmitigated health and environmental harms that CN's project would impose on our community. We trust that your decision will reflect the vision and values of your Throne Speech and put health and the environment first when assessing this project.

The Councils and our colleagues in each of the Halton Municipalities agree that we stand on the shoulders of those who came before, with the "courage to reach for a better future." This is why we continue to voice our concerns on behalf of our community. Halton knows that you share these values, and that you and your Cabinet colleagues will join us in reaching for a better future for all Halton residents.

Halton looks forward to continuing to work with you as we strive to implement the vision of the Speech from the Throne.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary Carr".

Gary Carr
Halton Regional Chair

Cc: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
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